



Journey to Nantucket

1825^{or} Started from Boston Monday
Oct. 1st at seven o'clock;
with ten passengers. A pleasant ride

to Quincy; house in sight of
the seat of the late venerable
John Adams; it consists of
a cluster of old fashion^d

building, romantically situated
in a pleasant vale on the
outskirts of Quincy. Found my

fellow passengers very pleasant; con-
sisting of a stuttering friend of
mine whom we dropt in Fran-
ce - a Mr. M. and wife & sister
who I found very intelligent
and friendly - a methodistical
sister, and a speechless old woman
or two together with a few more.

whome I shall not notice
besides my noble self in the
the course of our stoppings I man-
aged to take a seat exactly in front
of the two agreeable Ladies, heretofore
mentioned, and to my inexpressable
delight found one of them to
be extremely handsome, to wit
Black hair, in luxuriant curls,
ditto eyes, arch eyebrows and
teeth as white as snow; pouting
red lips and an exquisite
shape and withall very chatty;
this was enough for me. I
of course used all my faculties
to keep a lively conversation
which made the hours fly like
the wind. There was nothing re-
markable, occurred in the course

of our ride worthy of notice, we
 made the usual stopages; changed
 horses occasionally, and also drivers,
 which last arrangement we found
 very happy, for instead of a
 surly, cross, and unaccommodating
 knight of the whip, we got in exchange
 one of your old fashioned, loggacious,
 pleasant every one, sort of an old man,
 who was as ready to stop as to
 go on - to drive fast as slow,
 and last of all to stop and rob
 an orchard of about a half a peck
 of fine Apples which we found
 extremely pleasant to fill up
 the chimneys with - Our ride continued
 through Dorchester, Quincey, Braintree,
 Raymouth, Bridgewater, North, West,
 East, and South, and it appeared to

me we were doom? never to
get out of Fridge water; but,
we found, that the town, ~~like~~ as
~~well as~~ others ^{have} ~~it~~ has and end
as well as beginning. We passed
into Middleburg, where we
partook of a very miserable
scant and dirty dinner; much
to the annoyance of our Methodist
sister, who, after setting at the table
a few moments and taking a
view of the provision, raised a
whirlwind about our ears and
finally boalted into to the
kitchen and emptied. Her vials
of wrath upon the patient
head of Mrs. Sorisface, and con-
cluded with issuing orders

for a cup of tea, which order
our hostess was left to execute
at her leisure. as we (meaning
the ballance of the company) ~~the~~
having in some measure satisfied
the cravings of nature, were
more anxious to proceed in
our journey, than to wait to have
the capricious whims of our
sister, gratified; where with we
seated ourselves in the coach
and ordered whip to drive off
which had the effect of fetching
the plain white bonnet again
by our sides. although she looked
daggers. first at our hostess and
then at ourselves. we, however,
proceeded, in spite of her out
pourings. and at about six

in the evening³⁰ arrived at New
Bedford just in time to miss
of seeing a fine Trig launch.
and by advice of my friends of
our company, I stop^d at Mrs Gray-
tons, a fine old Quakeress, next
house to my divine enchantress,
who I meant to see again, altho
though I was doom^d to be disapoi-
nted, my time not permitting -
after taking a stroll in the
evening, I finished it by part-
taking of some excellent fruit
seasoned with a decanter of
C. bejov-fall in concert with
a ~~trio~~ of Quakeresses, ~~and~~
provided by my kind old landlady
Heaven bless her; after which,
I retired to bed. - Tuesday morning
finding no chance of prosecuting

5 my journey, by water - I took
a seat, at seven and a half
o'clock. (I like to be particular)
for Sandwich, in a - what shall
I call it - it might have been
a cart, only it had a door and was
coverd. it was ~~not~~ a, a, a, in short
it was any thing but what it
was meant for, namely a stage.
We started, and O what a con-
trast, from the day before. ~~then~~
(except a few little inconveniences,
not worth again repeating, after
my journey this day) It was in
Heaven, a fine day, a tolerable road
and good carriages, and last through
not least, my fair enchantress,
but now how changed, instead of
a fine day, it pour'd down as if ~~the~~
a second deluge, was commenced
instead of a good carriage and fleet

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Horses. I was cooped up in an
old cadang, which leak. like
a sieve and if it had ever
hung on springs. they had long
since ceased to benefit the ~~carriage~~
carriage - it was just large enough
to hold four persons, and four was
in it, but, instead of my fair
companions of the day before, ~~there~~
was an old toothless dame, who
did nothing but belch up wind
and take snuff, and at every
jolt of our gig, to fetch a punitan-
ical groan in so much, that I
thought she might be the town
groaner for some methodist pre-
-cinct. Her companion was a
Dandyrotte, of the days gone, as
she was far gone in the wane
although, she seem^d not to have

29 forgotten how to grin and pucker
to mince and pucker; I expect
she look'd into the glass before
she left home and put ^{her} visage
into what she might call the
the agreeable, for she did
not move a muscle, except
on some aforesaid jounce or jolt
of our charriot; when once she
open'd her mouth, which ^I expected
was for the purpose of making
some sage observations, but,
to my inefable horror, was
only to gasp, and O, dungeons
and caves, what a prospect was
there, my friend, I, in spite
of all gallantry, absolutely (start-
ed. back), I like to have said,
but that was out of the question
but I shunk within myself, and

waited the result of her
motions, which soon settled
themselves again into her ac-
customed attitude, as to my
near neighbour on my right,
what shall I say of him, why
all I can say is, he dozed all
the way, and occasionally, remind-
ing me of his proximity, by
a gentle thump with his
elbow, much to the annoyance
of my ribs - and lastly, instead
of a good road, we was down
to wallow through sand so
deep that, it was impossible
for the horses to break the
walk, such was the road,
carriage, companions, and weather
that I was down to put up
with, at no less a distance than

9 ~~the~~ 54 miles, which ^{took} us untill
three o'clock to accomplish
and which, lived through, left
me 18 miles more, before I
reach Salmon the place
from which I was to embark
for Nantucket, the last mentioned
distance, I accomplished more
to my mind, notwithstanding, it
lay through a continued track
of woods with hardly a house
the whole way. but the roads
were good and the stages comfort-
able, the horses fleet - but
but here I was doomed to mesh
with one boar in a loquacious
matron, of fifty and upwards, who
came as near killing me by her
eternal gabbling, about where
she had been, what she had
eat, and who she was, and

what her father said, who,
I found out by ^{his} affectionate
child, was gathered to his Father,
Heaven rest his soul, I say.
I was as near being killed by
the lognacity as by my former
companions eternal silence,
(who by the way, I should have
mentioned? I was fortunate
enough to escape from, as
well as the hateful carriage,
at Sandwich) - I arrived late
in the evening at Falmouth
and stopped at Biffordy, where
I found some Gentlemen & Ladies
wind bound, and with them I
shall be a sledge? to wait the
will of heaven to prosecute our
voyage - (Wednesday) after
spending a sleepless night over-
-ing in part to the noise in

13^x the house, but most seriously
to an infernal tooth-ach - which
not having ever had before, I
was not at all use to, and
which, I believe was reserved
for this particular time, to
increase my troubles, - now here
is a pretty kettle of fish. I am
crammed up in a strange house
on the very last point of
land in the world and no
prospect of bettering my
condition at least at present
and no way of spending my time
except by scribbling, and attending
to such conversation as this, viz.
will capt think we shall sail
to day, (Capt) dont know -
Mrs. D. - when do you think the
wind will be favourable -
capt. - cant say just now

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Mr. A. — well wife I guess
we shall get away by noon.

Enter Mr. S. speaking

O. curse the luck, it is just the
way when I attempt to stir abroad

Pretty Polly shouts a cracked
voice from another room — which
I was not long ascertaining to be
a confounded Parrot which calls
for the an observation from me
to this effect, — I believe I am
destined to be forever haunted
by a Parrot, a creature of all others
that I detest. — then, followed a
description on Parrots, dogs, cats,
squirrels, rabbits, and such others
of the canine and feathered tribe
as were, capable of domestication —
1 o'clock, the clouds begin to dis-
appear, the sun to shine, and some
prospects for a favourable wind

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2 o'clock. a heavy shower, and
wind dead a head - wry faces all
around - Half past ten, prospects brighten,
three o'clock received sailing order
ten minutes found us all aboard
of the packet, when we immediately
got under way, with a fair breeze
after having lost sight of land
in consequence of a thick fog
there was something of a swell
of sea, which caused certain
out. pourings amongst the fair
part of our freight - after
sailing about 6 hours. our captain
lost his course, in consequence
of the intense fog - however, after
cruising some time we made
Nantuxet light, & after, we soon
found ourselves safely landed off the
Warps, at about half past
12 o'clock - Pak! Pak, r-r-r

resounds from forty different
quarters, what is that? says I,
O. Says one it is nothing more
than some of our Island gentry
greeting our arrival - and I
soon found a number of the
gentry - or in other words sheep
straying about the streets -
help! says I, - what is the matter,
says one of my companions,
why says I, I am in a pit -
O no I guess not, it is nothing
but one of our sand, cast
nets, you must not be frightened
at them; so finding I should get
no help, I wallow along in
the best manner I could - in this
manner I soon arrived at my
Hotel. Hotel indeed! but mean.

about that, it was too late and
I was too much fatigued, to be very
particular about my lodgings -
I was not long in entering, nor
~~long~~ was it long after, before I was
snuggly ~~the~~ pack^d away in a com-
fortable bed, and fast lock^d in
the arms of Morpheus.

Thursday Oct. 4th arose at six
and sallied forth, in pursuit of a
barber, and after some difficulty
saw what might have been a
barbers hole once, but I should
think from its appearance that
it had served to point out the
place where faces were scraped to
our pilgrime fathers, in days long
gone by, however after sometime
communion with myself, I concluded
to venture in, and having gained

the ¹⁸ portals, and ~~as~~ reconnoitering the
premises I enter? when my surmises
were confirmed as to the date of
the establishment; for on enquiring
for him of the shears and razor—
I am the one, shouts a veteran, "whose
locks were silvered o'er with age"
as they here and there peep? out
from under a seal cap, and whose
palsied hands seem? scarce steady
enough to hold the weapon which
he grasp? heaven protect me, thought
I, as I bare? my neck, for this
commencement; but he, heeding not
my forbodings, boldly laid hold
of my smearer and in the next
instant his scraper was at my throat,
O!—"He who has tears, prepare to
shed them now", for through a
second operation I scarce could
live again, but it is certain I

lived ¹⁹ through this, for as Heaven
would have it, ~~It~~ he turn^d round
for something or other, where upon I
started upon my feet and catching
the razor from my confounded
tormentor, I myself finished the work
he so cruelly began; when I paid him
his fee, and with a blessing, bolted
from his door - after breakfast,
and, having first executed some
business, and dispatched a letter,
I commenced a view of the land
of Whaleys. the first thing remark-
able, was the innumerable numbers
of, calashes - as the natives call
them, but I should call them
tip-ups or jouncers, or horse setters
or any thing ~~that~~ else, that would be
comfortable to ride in. how shall
I describe them. ~~they~~ you must
suppose, for instance, a ~~box~~ box
about, 6 feet long - 3 wide and 1 1/2 high

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fasten^d. upon an axle tree with-
out any springs two wheels, a pair
of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~thill's~~ - to which attach an
animal partly resembling a horse,
a cow, a sheep, and a hog, but mostly
the latter - with an old saddle, a
head stall, and the reins made out
of a rope, and in the gig, ~~something~~
~~you may see~~ (which is generally
painted, red, green, yellow, or in
fact any other, colour the proprietor
may fancy) - you may see one or
two of fasion^d. ^{plag} bottom^d. chairs
tied in front part, in which are
seated as many speckle^d. dames, with
their knitting, and a boy to drive, and
away they wallow through the sand -
Pass. The Pacific Bank, which is the
handsomest building in the place
being build^d. of brick - most all of

the houses are old two story wooden
 buildings and but a few of them
 painted and them generally red -
 the North Quaker meeting house
 is an old wooden building coverd with
 mosses, and looks more like a barn
 than any thing else - the south one
 is ditto - the Unitarian society have
 a decent house with an excellent
 Bell as good a one as I ever heard
 the Methodists have a verry neat
 house out side - situated in about
 the middle of the town, the Univer-
 salists, also, have lately built a verry
 pretty little house - near the south part
 there is also one or two more places
 of worship - which with two more
 banks a Masonic Hall ~~two~~ ^{a Lancastrian School} or three
 Insurances Offices, comprise the

principle public buildings: the 22
streets are short, winding, narrow,
and intricate, their houses are placed
just as the owner may fancy, without
any regard to his neighbour. one will
face the street - the next end wise,
the next corner wise - and perhaps
the next the back to the street; they
look as if they had been put into
a bag and then shook out, and scat-
tered at random - they are most all
placed as ~~the~~ ~~far~~ near to the
street as the law will allow,
very few having any kind of a yard,
they look very much alike - old &
moss cover'd - but, when you enter
you are surpris'd with the contrast
they being as remarkable for their
neatness within, as ~~the~~ their rough

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appearance²³ without - they have but
a few side walks that are decent
and a stranger runs a great risk
of being swamped in the sand -
having pass^d through the ~~town~~ town
with some difficulty and much
fatigue, I gain a hill at the
back part of the town - on which
are situated four or five old
weather beaten windmills - which
look as though they had stood the
blast of many a tempest - and
in spite of the pilfering hand of
some wood less and peering catiff -
continued to frown on the peace-
full inhabitants below - from
this hill which is nearly the
highest on the Island - you may
have a delightful prospect -
at least, to one, who delights
rather in a boundless extent
of mostly weeping

of view ²⁴ with nothing for the
eye to rest upon, except, at
a miles distance on one side
overlooking the haven, you may
see some fifty vessels laying
quietly together in the harbour
and again on the other ^{side} you may
see, at perhaps three or four
miles distance, ~~you~~ again the
troubled ocean - and then before
you and behind, you may gaze
upon a tract of barren and
uncultivated land - and strain your
very eyes out in search of some
shrub or tree - but alas! they are
not there - on this hill, I fell in
with one gentleman who invited me
to walk to the Shear pens, a distance
of about two miles. whether we went
they comprise four principal pens, one
within the other - and besides these
every ~~own~~ ^{own} has a separate one for
his sheep. At shearing time, when

all the sheep on the island, to the number of about nine thousand at present, are gathered together and put in the first pen, which is circular and then they are drove round, when the owners distinguishing his ^{own} by a mark in the ear, catches him and puts it in his private pen, untill the flock begins to diminish, and then the balance are put into the next inner pen, ~~and so~~ which is of course smaller, and keeps the sheep more compact, and in this manner they proceed untill they are all divided, when they are ~~this~~ distributed each owner has a man to shear his sheep and mark the lambs, which he claims by their following ~~the~~ the old ones; this done, they are all again turn'd together, when they separate of themselves, there being two flocks, those that were born and have been kept

the trees, mostly weeping

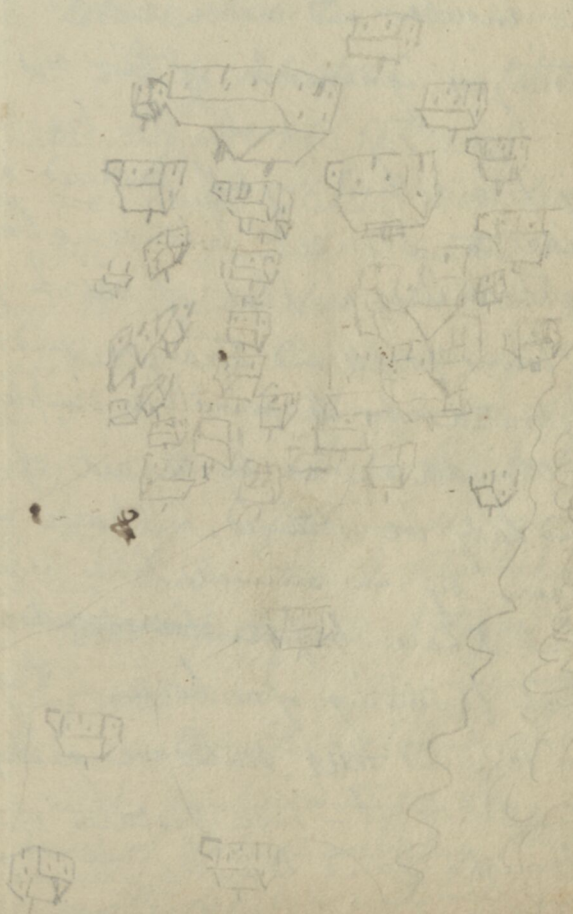
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at the South part of the Island
and those at the North, each turn
to their native plains, either to the
north or south, and in a few days
they are again dispersed over the
whole Island, there to roam and
seek a scanty subsistence, untill
the returning Yearly gathering—
as they are never sheltered nor look
after either in summer or winter but
suffered to live or die unnoticed
and unknown,—in the course of my
walk I saw a great number of
skeletons and some which had but
lately expired,—after wandering
around an hour or two, I returned
to the Town, pretty well fatigued,
with my excursion—in the evening
I took a walk with a friend, and
was much surprised to see the
numbers of Ladies—walking the
streets, unattended, by a gentleman, and

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upon inquiry, ~~from~~ my friend
informed me that it was a general
thing amongst the females, to walk
evenings unattended, and it was an
uncommon thing for any one to receive
an insult, and never except from
strangers, ignorant of their customs.

Friday Oct. 5 after breakfast
my friend and myself proposed a
ride to Schonett, distance about
eight miles, a place of resort for
the towns people and strangers, and much
celebrated for its primitive simplicity,
and Chowderies - so by the aid of our
land lady we obtained, a chaise ~~and~~
drawn by an animal, like unto
what I have before ~~described~~ describe.
to wit, favouring of a horse, a hog, a
cow &c. - and thus seated we galloped
for Schonett - over pastures and
through sand banks, there being
no regular road, but every one
was making a way.

choosing the path, which fate
may dictate, though in truth
there is no choice it being one
continued waste of country with

John Smith



not a tree, or scarcely a
shrub, & except per-chance
here and there you may discern
a few white oak shrubs, barely
rising from the top of the sur-
face, to remind you ^{now} are not
wandering in the Arabian desert
after riding about five miles
~~with~~ through this continued same-
ness, meeting with nothing, nor
seeing anything to interest, except
~~from~~ the above "apologies" for
our station we came in view
of an house, which proved to be
the country seat of one of the
Island lords, and the garden of
which, (for it had a garden) present-
ed some signs of life and culture
being nearly fill with trees and
vines, the trees mostly weeping

choosing the path, which in
 willows, and ³⁰ in my opinion the
 most appropriate kind he could
 have selected, there were some
 grape vines, and a hot bed,
 and take it as a whole, it might
 be reckoned as a very pretty and
 pleasant seat - considering its
 location - this, with the immense
 number of sheep scatter over
 the plains, browsing and endeavor-
 ing to eke out a ~~pitiable~~
 miserable existence, with the
 scanty provision, which Heaven
 has provided for their subsistence,
 unaided by man, and every
 now and then a miles stone
 to show you how far you have
 receded from ~~and~~ or how near
 you approach the mighty city
 is all you have to satisfy your

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taste for the picture scene, if
indeed we except a whole-bury
swamp, which you have to cross
in your progress - after ascending
a considerable of an eminence
you come in full view of the
sea and the banks of which is
situated the mighty schooner. -
a few minutes more brought us
into ~~the~~ ^{the} midst of the settlement
and after alighting and consigning
our vehicle in charge of a half
starved half naked urchin, who
claimed as an honour the privilege
of providing for our equipages, and
who was more intent upon his
accustomed fee than the well being
of our beast - we proceeded in
the first place in search of

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choosing the path, which led
at public House wherein we
might procure where withal to
resort ourselves, after the fatigue
of our ride, which having found,
a difficult task, as it differ^d
nothing from the rest, except
indeed a long piece of board upon
which was inscribed the Landlord's
name and nail^d on one end
of the house just under the
ridge pole - we enter^d and sniff^d
out the proprietor, who proved to
be a kind old Lady, when after
satisfying our immediate wants
and order^d a Chowdee (of course)
to satisfy our anticipated hunger,
we saunter^d out in search of
the marvelous ~~not~~ well, and
now for it - houses, all built
about sixty in number, all built

alike - to wit, two rooms on the ¹³³ lower floor and out side door in the center, on each side - a low garret, with small windows in each end - no yard nor out houses, except in one or two instances - the buildings all old and unpainted, and consequently moss covered? - they are situated on the bank (about thirty feet above the water) which is nearly perpendicular - and placed like all other settlements on the Island without any regard to architectural elegance - or regularity, being all dropt down any where, and facing every which way, there is no streets but they look more like a check or board than any thing else, their well, (for I believe they have but one) is placed in the middle of what

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Should be the street, it is all
green sward and you can get
in a chaise and ride round —
or ~~then~~ between, the houses, as com-
fortably as in a field, round —
stone heaps — the next thing — the
ocean — these pretty girls on the
banks — we stepped up and commenced
a dialouge — the scarp runs
high — fishing boats coming in —
This argues well for our chowder —
which was dependant upon these
said boats — now they stand off
a little, now again they near
the shore, then back again, like
skillfull pilots taking advantage
of wind and tide — now again
they come on the top of a heavy
sea, and the boat through the

about fifty in number, all built

carelessness of her steersman ³⁵gits
side ways - and over she rolls on
to the sands, and out tumble old
men and haduck, Boys and small
fish, kettles, bottles, fish lines &c all
high and dry, a maneuver which
caused my hair to stand, for fear
the next wave might float them
back into the ocean, but they
were too used to such mishaps to
be ^{at a} loss ~~at~~ what to do; for they in an
instant gain? their understanding,
and righting their boat was ready
with the assistance of the returning
wave to bounce their skiff out of
the reach of danger - when they all
joined in a hearty laugh at their
mischance and then dividing their
spoils separated to their several

aboard³⁶ - the three ~~pretty~~ pretty girls
sought their homes - my friend
follow? an old acquaintance whom
he single? from the boat crew
just Landed, to his hut - and me
I - that is myself alone - what did
I do - why, what could I do - nothing
but to stroll along upon the
beach in quest of some shell
or curious stone, to preserve
in remembrance of Schonck
banks - three pretty girls and fisher-
mans pair - having returned from
my stroll, with a keen appetite
caused by the fatigue in wading
through the sands upon the
beach. I was rejoiced to find
our chowder ready and waiting
our attack, which next assured
about ~~very~~ in remembrance, all & over

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we were not long in commencing
and proving its quality, which
we found equal to our well raised
hopes - after having done honour
to our fare and justice to our-
selves, we wandered about an
hour or two more, ^{then} we again set
our faces towards home a ride
which we accomplished in about
an hour, which ride in that
infernal apology for a chaise,
had an amazing effect in
settling our dinners - In the eve-
ning I attended a party, ~~where~~
where I spent a delightful
visit in company with about
a dozen Nantucket beauties
a part of whom were bewitching
young Quakeresses, I was much

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amused with their conver-
-sation, which dwelt almost
continually, upon Whales and
Whaling, how the wind was,
of the arrivals and clearances
from port that day, of the
hardships, miraculous escapes,
fortunes & misfortunes, and
every thing else that appertains
to a sailor's life, which
their fathers, brothers, friends,
& Lovers & Lushankes, had ex-
-perienced, in their several
voyages to the Boarill
Banks, or round Cape Horn,
by which means I learnt that
they all had Lovers round the Cape
or the Lord only knew where, in
pursuit of whales - except one,
one modest, beautiful, blushing,
plainly attired Quakeress, whose

~~eyes~~ ^{did} languishing blue eyes
 made sad havoc with -- a --
 a. but no matter with who. --
 I returned to my lodging. highly
 satisfied with my days adventures
 Saturday Oct. 6th Having accom-
 plished my business, I was ready
 to start for Boston. but O the
 fates the wind was dead a-head
 and it rained in torrents all
 day, so that I was obliged to
 keep house. Sunday Oct. 7. the
 clouds disappear. and the day
 bright, but the wind ditto to
 the day before - in morning at-
 tended Quaker meeting, after
 setting about our hour in eternal
 silence - Heaven will? the spirit
 move, in one of their sainted
 Idols, or as they are termed,

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approved teachers - who commenced
in his seat hat and gloves on,
"Man was created" - pause - then
after rising, taking off his hat
he proceeded - "in the image of ~~the~~
his creator" - a long pause - "and
he was created" - pause - "by
his Maker" &c. - when he went
on in a Methodistical, whining
cant, to discount upon the
fall of man and his redemp-
tion - in a speech, of about ~~an~~
fifteen minutes length, after
which, silence again reigned.
for the space of about half
an hour - when they commenced
shaking hands all round, and
so ended the meeting, to my
great joy - in the afternoon

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attended, the Unitarian Church,
found the house very thinly attend-
ed - Mr. Swift the pastor - a
very clever sort of a preacher -
in the evening call on a friend
and was much surprised and
pleased in finding quite a
party of young Ladies, among
whom was, that sweet little
Quakeress - the conversation, after
having first dwelt upon
commerce and fishing, became
lively and interesting - we separated
about eleven - and I returned
home, after having first gallant-
ed home - no matter who -
Monday 8th a fair wind - and at
about ten o'clock I bid adieu,
with a sad heart, to Nantucket
the region of peace & harmony.

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never did I visit a place, where
there appear? such a spirit of
affection for one another and
hospitality towards strangers, Beh
they are a people of strong preju-
dices - to express dislike for
their sand-banks, or to ridicule
their Whale (fish) stories, you
would stand in great danger
of a ducking, or harpooning -
for in their opinion there is no em-
ployment half so honorable as
Whaling, or no place half so
pleasant as their barren sand-
banks - their ~~boys~~ sons are taught
to aspire to a harpoon and
their daughters to a Whale man
and it is said. ~~I think~~ I think
truly that the only way to
win their hearts, is by

here creeping through an oil cask
to be killed by a whale, con-
fins as much glory, as in Eng-
land to die on the field of battle.
They make all their dates, from
some fortunate or disastrous voyage
round the cape, they young men
generally go their first voyage
at the age of from 15 to 17, when
they take leave of their friends
and sweethearts, for they must
certainly be engaged, to some
fair daughter of the Isle be-
fore they start; then they go round
the cape, and gone from those
to four years, some home, and
stop a few months marry their
chosen, and off they go again

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for another 3 year trip, and
so on to the end of their lives -
which is often times cut short
by venturing too near some
enraged Whale; the females
bear a 3 years separation, with
more patience and resignation
then does; our country girls
on the main land, to part
with their Ionathans even
for three days, to go down to
town to buy them a new gown
or perhaps to get ready for
an approaching wedding. —
after all there is no society here
so pleasant as Wau-tucket. the
men are courteous and attentive
the women are open & frank

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either will make any
sacrifice to promote your
comfort and happiness, provided
you do not ridicule them or
their peculiarities, and if you
should, why you had best
set your face from off the
Island, as your game is up
with them - if you affront one
the whole will resent it - they
know each ^{the} others business
as well as they know it them-
selves - and when a stranger
comes on to the Island, there
is a thousand conjectures of who
he is, and what is his business
and when once he gives it wind
it is soon ~~to~~ know all over

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the place - there is no use
in keeping your business
a secret, but the best way
is to b^ott^o it at once and
claim their protection, which
done you are sure to find
it - I shall ever reflect
with pleasure on my visit
to their Island. There ~~seems~~
is an enchantment which
seems to hover ^{over} them, which
is sure to entr^ap the hearts
of all that go there, and
now adieu, sweet Isle of peace,
and should chance ever send
me again to your shores
may I again be blessed with

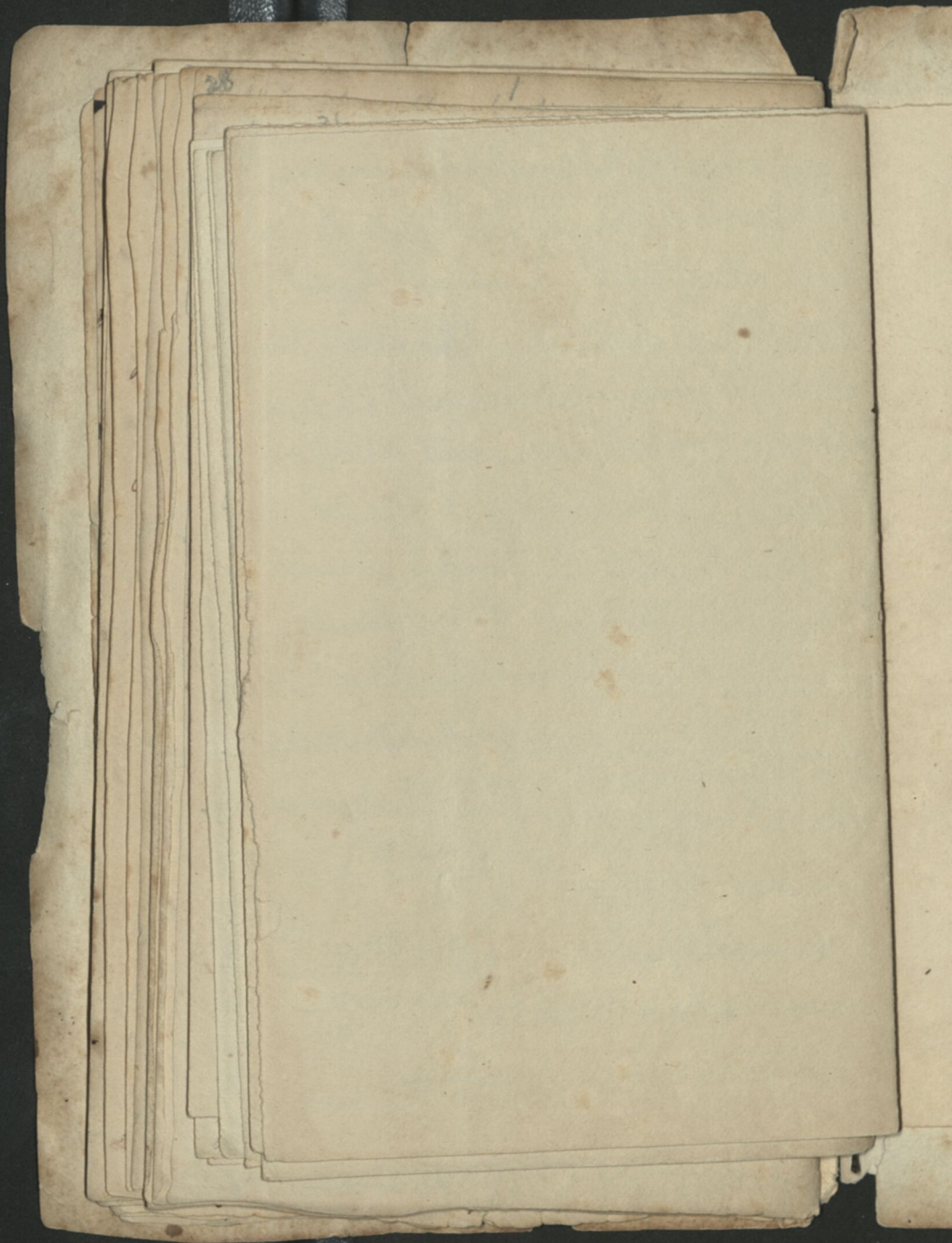
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such Kindness
being quickly seated. aboard
of the New Bedford packed
the enchanted Isle fast
receding from my view
with a good wind, which
bids fair to waft us soon
to the end of ^{our} voyage, I have
nothing else to do but to
pencil the above, to keep
off the horrors ~~we~~ arrived in
N. Bedford at half past four
o'clock. a passage of 60 miles
in a little over 6 hours - stop
at Nelsons - in evening call to
my fair enchantress, companion
of my ride from Boston, to
that place - very glad to

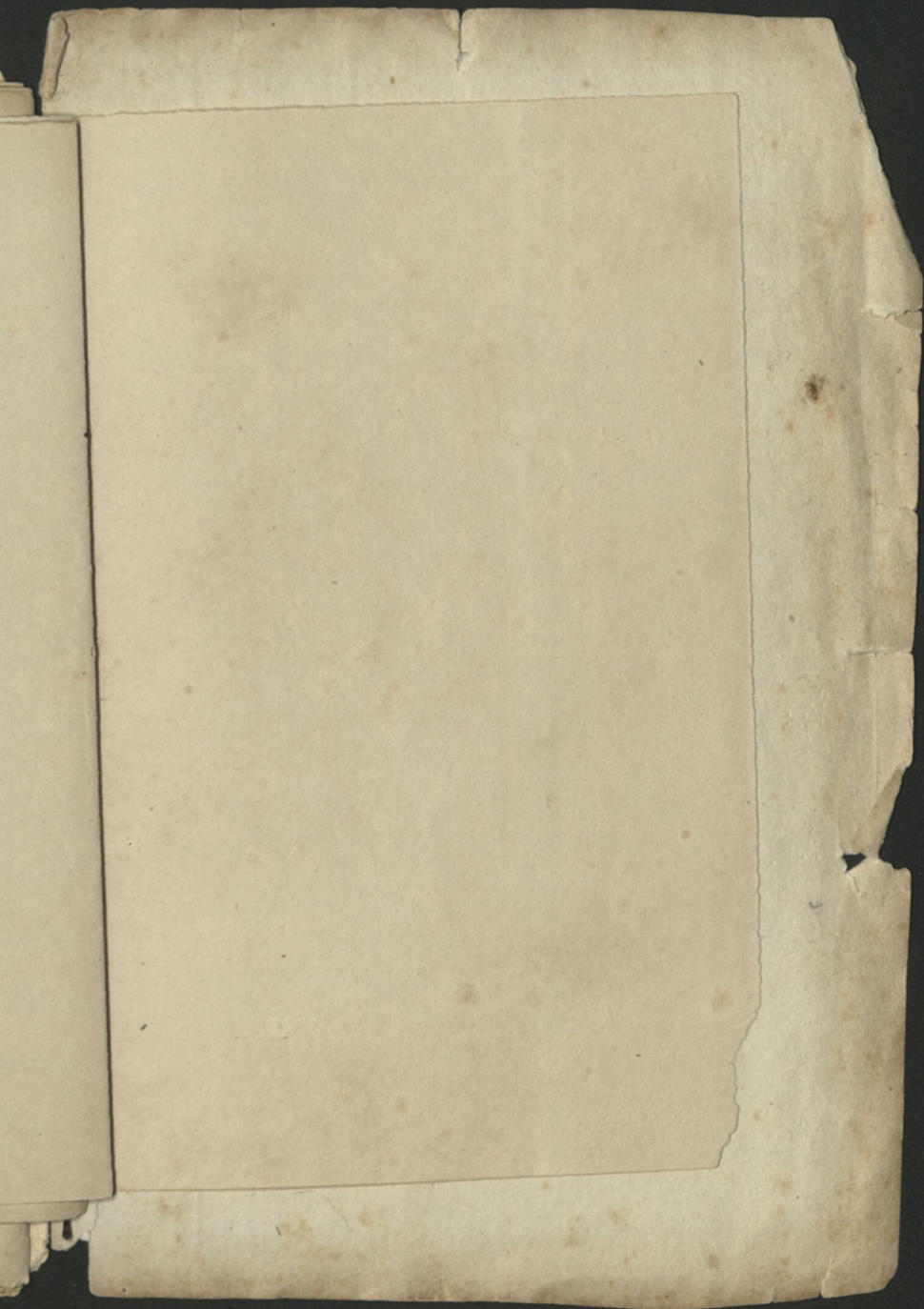
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see me - so was I to see her
don't like her quite so well
since I've been amongst
the quakers - too much life -
return? to hotel - an alterca-
tion between my friend and
a writing master sojourning
there - upon the subject of
painting - it becomes rather
too warm - don't like dis-
putations when journeying -
went to bed - Tuesday morning
unpleasant - started at
1/2 past 8 for Boston - stage
full - 9 full grown persons
and a snarling young one -
pass through Middlebury

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an old french lady - very
sick - too much jabbering
for me took a seat with
driver - arrive a Taunton
about 1 - take dinner at stage
house - good house and good
dinner a rarity since I
left Boston - started from
Taunton, through Rainham,
Easton, Bridgewater, Stoughton,
Canton - over blue hills - Mil-
ton, Dorchester. Roxbury and
arrived back to Boston a
little after seven, without
accident - though much
fatigued -

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